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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEP. ASST. SEC. LUERS; FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSIONS

1. SUMMARY: VISITING DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY LUERS AND HUNGARIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER JANOS NAGY HAD A LONG AND FRANK CONVERSATION AUGUST 25. NAGY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF DETENTE IN CREATING A CLIMATE IN WHICH U.S.-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS COULD DEVELOP, DISPLAYED A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF -- AND KEEN INTEREST IN -- THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS, EMPHASIZED THE PRIMACY OF CONTINUING ECONOMIC GROWTH AS A GOV POLICY OBJECTIVE, AND CALLED FOR MANY LEVELS OF DIALOGUE IN U.S.-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS. END SUMMARY

2. U.S.-SOVIET TIES: DURING A LONG MEETING AND LUNCH WITH LUERS AND AMBASSADOR KAISER, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY STATED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF U.S.-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS DEPENDED TO A GREAT EXTENT ON THE STATE OF U.S.-USSR RELATIONS. A COOLING IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SUPER-POWERS WOULD BE A LIMITING FACTOR IN U.S.-HUNGARIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS. NAGY EMPHASIZED THAT SOME PROGRESS IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD IS VITALLY IMPORTANT IF DETENTE
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IS TO SUCCEED. HE CRITICIZED THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S SALT INITIATIVE BECAUSE IT WAS TOO ABRUPT A CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS, AND BECAUSE IT LEFT OUT SEVERAL IMPORTANT TOPICS -- NOTABLY FORWARD BASE SYSTEMS (FBS).

3. LUERS AND THE AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IN HIS FIRST SIX MONTHS IN OFFICE WAS TRYING

TO REESTABLISH DOMESTIC CONFIDENCE IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, AND THAT THIS HAD REQUIRED SOME CHANGES OF EMPHASIS AND APPROACH. THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP WAS HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY IN ADJUSTING TO THESE CHANGES. CARTER WAS COMMITTED TO PEACEFUL RELATIONS WITH THE USSR AND TO MEANINGFUL DISARMAMENT; HE WAS CONVINCED THAT RAPIDLY CHANGING MILITARY TECHNOLOGY DEMANDED NEW, MORE EFFECTIVE APPROACHES TO DISARMAMENT. THE HUNGARIANS -- AND THE SOVIETS -- SHOULD NOTE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS TO MAJOR NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY-MAKING POSITIONS WERE MEN OF KNOWN MODERATION ON DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS.

4. ECONOMIC GROWTH: NAGY STRESSED THAT THE PRIMARY POLICY AIM OF THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IS TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE, STATING THAT "WE WOULD NOT SUBJUGATE THIS AIM TO ANY OTHER." THE FIRST GOAL OF FOREIGN POLICY IS TO CREATE FAVORABLE EXTERNAL CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUED INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT; THIS IMPLIES A SEARCH FOR PEACE, SECURITY, AND ORDERLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION WITH ALL COUNTRIES.

5. U.S.-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS: NAGY EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT U.S.- HUNGARIAN RELATIONS HAD SHOWN PROGRESS IN THE RECENT PAST, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT HUNGARY CANNOT REGARD RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AS FULLY NORMAL UNTIL THE ISSUES OF MFN AND THE CROWN ARE RESOLVED. GIVEN THE HUNGARIAN

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LEADERSHIP'S EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC BETTERMENT, PROGRESS ON THE MFN ISSUE IS IMPORTANT TO IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE STRESSED THAT HUNGARY WILL NOT IMPOSE NEW BARRIERS TO IMPROVED TIES, AND WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK WAYS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS, EVEN WHILE THE MFN ISSUE REMAINS UNRESOLVED. HUNGARY HAD BEEN PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE RECENT SERIES OF CONGRESIONAL VISITORS AND WILL

CONTINUE TO WELCOME U.S. GUESTS AND TO SEEK FRANK DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM; HUNGARY WISHED TO CARRY ON A DIALOGUE WITH THE U.S. AT MANY DIFFERENT LEVELS. COMMENT: WE INTERPRET THE REFERENCE TO MANY LEVELS OF DIALOGUE AS AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN HIGHER-LEVEL OFFICIAL MEETINGS. NAGY SEEMED TO BE GENUINELY PLEASED WITH THE THREE AUGUST CODELS AS AN EXPRESSION OF INCREASING INTEREST IN HUNGARY, AND TO BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE FURTHER VISITS DESPITE THE BURDEN THEY IMPOSE ON THE HUNGARIAN LEADERSHIP.
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